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APPLICANTS: Strominger at al.
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FOR: THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FOR DEMYELINATING CONDITIONS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Communication dated September 14, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, claims 28-32 and 61 of Group 20, directed to a composition comprising a synthetic peptide of SEQ ID NO: 93, class 530, subclass 300. Applicants provide reasons for traverse in the Remarks section, and suggest possible rejoinder of groups.

As this paper is being filed one month after an initial deadline of November 14, 2004, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is filed herewith. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a petition for an extension of one month's time for filing this response be granted.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 7.

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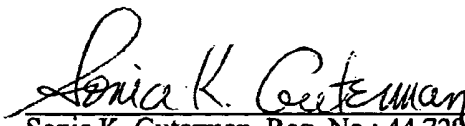
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Conclusion

In summary, Applicants believe that the claims as here amended are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Should questions arise concerning election or reasons for traversal, Applicants invite and encourage the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below. Applicants respectfully request a month's extension of time for which a petition is hereby made, and enclose a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the fee for this extension.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sonia K. Guterman", is written over a horizontal line.

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